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**BY ECF**

The Honorable Kenneth M. Karas  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
300 Quarropas St.  
White Plains, NY 10601

Re: *United States v. Donald Leid*; 22 Cr. 640 (KMK)

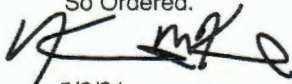
Dear Judge Karas:

I represent Donald Leid in the above referenced case. I write to request that the Court allow Xavier Donaldson, Esq. to appear on my behalf for Mr. Leid at the status conference scheduled for May 9, 2024, at 10:30am. I am currently engaged in a jury trial in U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota before the Honorable Nancy E. Brasel in *USA v. Farah, et al*, Criminal No. 22-124 (NEB/TNL), which trial is expected to continue for an additional four weeks from today. Mr. Leid is aware that I am engaged on trial in Minnesota.

Your Honor's consideration is very much appreciated.

Granted.

So Ordered.

  
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Respectfully submitted,

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